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Fayette, Iowa  
December 29  
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The Iowa State Historical Society

Genealogical Department

Des Moines, Iowa

The enclosed typewritten outline  
"SEVEN GENERATIONS of the STRANAHAN FAMILY in AMERICA"  
together with a VERTICAL CHART and a biographical  
reference list-

are sent to the genealogical department of the State  
Historical Society of Iowa - as a record of the ancestry  
of my grandfather, LOREN MARTIN<sup>5</sup> STRANAHAN (1831- 1919)  
who came from Rock County, Wisconsin, to Fayette County,  
Iowa in 1850.

Stranahan names in generation 2 and 3 are compiled  
from the 1868 genealogy mentioned on sheet 2 of this  
outline.

Names in generations 1, 4, 5 and 6 are based on an  
early chart compiled by Elizabeth (Stranahan) Stevenson,  
(1858 - 1924).

Seventh generation Stranahan descendants are listed  
on the enclosed Vertical Chart for

Sarah<sup>5</sup> (Pangburn) Rice

George<sup>5</sup> Pangburn

Rebecca<sup>5</sup> (Stranahan) Rice

Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> (Stranahan) Stevenson

In so far as we know, our Fayette County branch of the  
family includes the only known descendants in this part of  
northeastern Iowa, at the present time.

Very truly yours,

*Nellie Lieve Stevenson*  
(Miss) Nellie L. Stevenson

Fayette, Iowa





Seven Generations  
of  
THE STRANAHAN FAMILY IN AMERICA  
including the

Rice, Pangburn, Van Vleck and Mc Kee Descendants.

Compiled by Nellie I Stevenson, Fayette, Iowa

1951

A brief outline based on a chart and other genealogical notes collected by her mother, Mrs William B. Stevenson (Elizabeth Stranahan Stevenson) 1858-1924.

" Strahan, Strachen, Stranahan, are supposed to be one and the same. They took their origin from the Parish of Strachan, Kincardine Co. Scotland." "

Family 1.

1

Ancestor 1. " JAMES STRANAHAN, founder of the Stranahan family in the United States, was born in the North of Ireland in 1699, whence he emigrated in 1725, to New England. He purchased lands in Scituate, Rhode Island in October 18 and November 29, 1745. He was a prosperous and intelligent farmer and died in Plainfield, Conn., January 8, 1792, aged 93 years." \*

Children:

2

2. James b. 1735: m. Martha Corey.

2

3. John b. 1737: m. Lucy Buck, 1763.

2

(Our Ancestor) - - 4. William, Ib. 1739 - - see Family 2.





## FAMILY 2

- 2  
4. WILLIAM STRANAHAN, sr. (son of James<sup>1</sup> was born in 1739. Removed with his brother John before the Revolution (American) to Canaan, Columbia County, New York, where both brothers settled and married. He was a thrifty farmer and a man of great enterprise". \*

## Children:

- 3  
5. William Jr. - - - - - see Family 3.  
3  
6. James  
3  
7. Rhoda  
3  
8. Samuel - - - - - had a son, Martin  
3  
9. Betsy - m. Pelig Millington --- Family 4.  
3  
10. Catherine  
3  
11. Elsie

## \* Note:

See "Genealogies of the Stranahan, Josselyn, Fitch, and Dow families in North America" Brooklyn, New York. Privately printed in 1868. Contains no copyright notice. 126 pages. In 1937 listed in genealogical catalog \$ 20.00.

In 1929 Mrs Grace Van Vleck Bothwell of 121 9th St. Troy, New York, copied above quoted data from a copy of the volume in Library of the University of State of New York at Albany, for Nellie L Stevenson, who afterwards examined a copy of the same genealogy in Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois.

A search of New York state records might indicate 2 Revolutionary service in this Stranahan family. William<sup>3</sup> was 30 years of age in 1775 and possibly his son William<sup>3</sup> was old enough to enlist. But Judge F E Stranahan of Montana stated later that he believes James<sup>2</sup> Stranahan was the only one in the Revolutionary War.



## FAMILY 3

5. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> STRANAHAN. Jr. (William<sup>2</sup>) (James<sup>1</sup>)

Born in Canaan, Columbia County, New York and spent his entire life on a farm in that county. Married Margaret Salts (Saltz) who was born 19 June, 1786 and died 27 Oct 1869. She went west with her son George (# 20) but lived only a short time. Buried on his family lot in Grandview Cemetery, Fayette, Ia. (her marble tablet memorial is located on west side of cemetery, west of Hulbert and south of Johnson stones.)

## Children:

12. Eliza<sup>4</sup>, m. John Wyant; a dau. Elizabeth.
13. William<sup>4</sup> ~~IV~~ b. 20 June 1806 - - - Family 5.
14. Charles<sup>4</sup> H. - - m. Emeline Blackman " 6.
15. Allen<sup>4</sup>, m. Elizabeth Van Vleck " 7.
16. Amanda Sabrina<sup>4</sup>, b. 10 Mar 1819, d. 1906 - " 8.  
m. Wm Pangburn (1820-1910)
17. Helen Jane<sup>4</sup>, m. Adrian Banker Van Vleck - " 9.
18. Catherine Janet<sup>4</sup>, m. Sydney Mc Kee - - " 10.
19. Lafayette<sup>4</sup>, b. # 3 Sept 1824  
m. (1) Abbie Barden, (2) Louisa Servoss-- " 11.
20. George<sup>4</sup>, (1824-1896) m. Maria Jordon- - " 12.
21. Darius<sup>4</sup> B., m. ----- Sarah Lewis - " 13.





## FAMILY 5.

13. WILLIAM STRANAHAN, <sup>4</sup>~~III~~ (son of <sup>3</sup>Wm ) (Wm ) (James <sup>2</sup> ) (James <sup>1</sup> )

Born 20 June 1806, Columbia County, New York. Farmer.  
 Removed in 1827 to Essex County, New York.  
 Removed in 1845 to Rock County, Wisconsin, where he  
 entered land from the government. Farmer until 1854  
 when he and his wife came to Fayette, County, Iowa,  
 with their son, Lorin M. Stranahan. He died that  
 same year (1854.) <sup>4</sup>

In approximately 1829 William married Miss Dorcas  
 Fisher- Mosely in Clinton County, New York. She died  
 in 1857.

## Children:

<sup>5</sup>  
 22. Lorin Martin Stranahan

Born 13 July 1831 - - - Family 14.

<sup>5</sup>  
 23. Rebecca Stranahan

Born 28 April 1834 - - Family 15.  
 Married 20 Nov 1850, Bradley Rice  
 who was born 16 June 1829.





## 5

4

3

2)

1

In the winter of 1853 Lorin Stranahan taught school in Illinois. The following year, 1854, he returned to Fayette County, Iowa, accompanied by his parents (see William<sup>4</sup>). Lorin Stranahan had purchased this land with money earned as a teacher and he continued teaching winters, after locating on his homestead. His own older children were among his pupils. At first, the school was held in a granary on his farm, afterwards in a schoolhouse erected a bit east of his home, and later on, in a different schoolhouse erected by the district on the southwest corner of his home farm. Here his son William and his older daughter, Lizzie, also taught in the 1870's.

Married:

- (see next sheet for list of their  
Children)

2. Mary E. Brooks, 25 May 1887. (She b. 12 Oct. 1851; d. 21 Jan 1924 at Newburg, Oregon  
No children.



## FAMILY 14 (continued)

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22. LORIN MARTIN STRANAHAN ( 1831-1919)

Married Sarah Ann Cockrell (1833-1885)

## Children:

6

24. William Lyttleton , b. 9 Dec 1856;  
 m. 1880, Emily Moore of Sedgwick Co.  
 Kansas - - - - - Family 16

6

25. Elizabeth , b. 30 May 1858;  
 m. 1878, William B. Stevenson of  
 Fayette County, Iowa ---- Family 17

6

26. Nellie , b. 20 Oct 1861; d. 9 March 1944  
 at Pasadena, California.  
 m. 1890, Winfield Moine of Fayette  
 County, Iowa. - - - - Family 18

6

27. Thomas

28. Joseph , Twins, b. 17 Mar 1865;  
 d. in infancy.

29. Lorin Seymore, b. 30 May 1867;  
 d. 25 Oct 1888. Unmarried.

6

30. Frank Elmore , b. 30 May 1867; d. 17 Dec  
 1933; m. 8 June 1897 Lida  
 Mitchell Bogert of Fayette Co.  
 Family 19

6

31. Warren Albert , b. 6 Jan 1873;  
 m. 21 Feb 1894 Ada May Homewood of  
 Fayette County, Iowa - - Family 20  
 Resident of Fayette, Iowa in 1951.

## Note:

A complete list of the descendants of Lorin M. and  
 Sarah Cockrell Stranahan is given in "Descendants of Lyttleton  
 Cockrell, Jr." (1802-1877), published at Fayette, Iowa, in  
 1922 by their older daughter, Elizabeth Stranahan Stevenson  
 (Mrs William B. Stevenson).







## FAMILY 17.

25. ELIZABETH STRANAHAN (Lorin M. ) (William)(Wm)(Wm2) (James ).

Born 30 May 1858; Died 12 Feb 1924 at Fayette, Iowa.

Married 25 March 1878, William Buchanan Stevenson who was b. 20 May 1853 in Sandusky County, Ohio; d. 17 March 1931 at Fayette, Iowa. His parents, Thomas W.B. and Ellen D. Comstock Stevenson were pioneer settlers in Fayette County, Iowa.

William B. and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Stevenson lived in Harper County, Kansas from 1879 to 1889, where William had preempted 160 acres of Indian Trust Land in Pilot Knob Township.

## Children:

32. Oliver Warren Stevenson

b. 22 Jan 1879 on the Stevenson homestead in Smithfield Township, Fayette CO. Iowa.  
 d. 23 April 1944 at Fayette, Iowa  
 m. 20 May 1908, Imogen Emma Cobb of Fayette.  
 PhB Upper Iowa University 1901  
 LLB University of Iowa 1905  
 Attorney at Law, Fayette  
 No children

33. Nellie Irene Stevenson

b. 22 July 1881 in Pilot Knob Township, Harper County, Kansas.  
 PhB Upper Iowa University 1905, Fayette.  
 Unmarried. Resident of Fayette 1889 -



List of  
Stranahan biographical sketches  
as published in Fayette County, Iowa

1. "Past and Present of Fayette County, Iowa" 1910, 2 vol.  
Sketch and photograph of Lorin M Stranahan, Page 688.
2. "Portrait & Biographical Album of Fayette, County, Iowa-  
-(1891)  
Sketch of Lorin M Stranahan- page 200.  
Sketch of William B Stevenson, page 512.

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Obituaries:

in The Fayette County Leader:: Fayette, Iowa:

Lorin M Stranahan, issue of April 24, 1919.

William B Stevenson, issue of March, 1931.

Oliver Warren Stevenson, issue of April 27  
1944.

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My dear Mr. [Name]  
I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. and am  
glad to hear that you are well.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well, but  
I hope you will soon be better. I am  
very anxious to hear from you again.  
I am, dear Mr. [Name], very  
truly yours,  
[Signature]

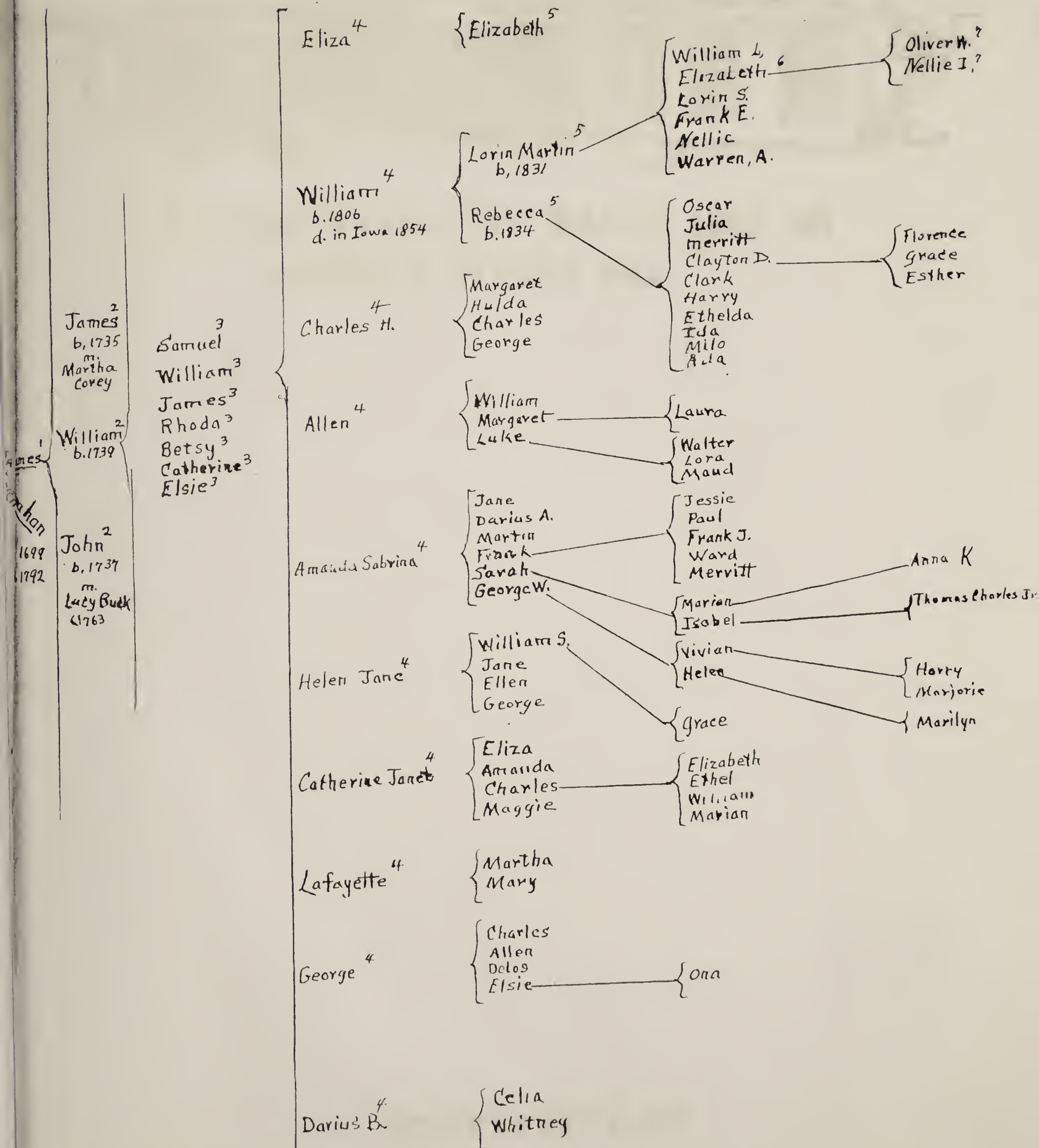
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# Descendants of James Stranahan (1699-1792)

Compiled by Elizabeth (Stranahan) Stevenson of Fayette, Iowa.  
(1858-1924)















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